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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 28th Day of *January*, 1730.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint Henry Nash, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of Monmouth.

St. James's, January 28.

This Day Sig. Vignola, Resident from the Most Serene Republick of Venice, had a private Audience of Leave of His Majesty; to which he was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

He had afterwards a private Audience of Leave of the Queen, in Her Majesty's Apartment; to which he was introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, Jan. 29. This Day Sig. Vignola had a private Audience of Leave of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; to which he was introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

And the same Day he had a private Audience of Leave of his Royal Highness the Duke, being introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, January 30.

Letters from Parma of the 21st Instant, *N. S.* advise, that his Serene Highness the Duke of Parma died there the Day before, after three Days Illness.

Whitehall, January 29, 1730-31.

Whereas on or about the 23d Day of July, 1729, at Bentworth, in the County of Southampton, a Barn was set on Fire by some wicked Person or Persons unknown, in the dead of Night, when the Tenant thereof and his Family were all in Bed, and in the Space of a few Hours was (together with the Corn and Grain therein, and the Stables and Out-houses thereto adjoining) burnt down to the Ground: And whereas another Messuage in the said Parish was set on Fire and consumed the 22d Day of December last, another in the same Parish the same Night, and one in Three Days after, and some Whispers that were got abroad, that Bentworth should be laid in Ashes, which from those Facts appear not to have been without Foundation, have so terrified the Parishioners of that Place, that they have been at the Trouble and Expence of keeping a strong Guard for many Months for Fear of being burnt in their Beds. For the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in Crimes of so high a Nature, and attended with so much Barbarity and Villany, His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Whitehall, Jan. 18, 1730-31.

Whereas the Sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds was granted to His Majesty the last Session of Parliament, for relieving the Widows of such Half-Pay Officers as served, and to whom they were married before the Year 1716: Now this is to give Notice to such Widows as have made out their Pretensions to the said Bounty agreeable to the publick Notice heretofore given in that Behalf, That upon applying to the Paymaster of the Officers Widows at the War Office in Whitehall, they may receive their several Proportions of the said Sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, according to the Distribution made by Virtue of His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual.

Wm. Strickland.

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